



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 25, 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill 47 (McCarty) – State Preschool Program

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 47 (McCarty). I wholeheartedly support early childhood education. The need for early intervention in a child's education certainly exists in Long Beach, making AB 47 a necessity for expanding access to the State's preschool program for all eligible children.

While Long Beach is a leader in facilitating career pathways, there is room to grow in the area of early childhood education. Students in have access to the College Promise, which offers ways for Long Beach Unified School District students to prepare for, enter and complete college. A unique partnership with Long Beach City College (LBCC), California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) and the City of Long Beach, the Long Beach College Promise provides two free semester of tuition at LBCC, and guaranteed admission to CSULB. One way to ensure that students are ready to take advantage of the College Promise is to make sure that they have access to an early childhood education.

AB 47 invests in our future workforce. This bill enables a space for all eligible children to enroll in the State's preschool program the year before they enter kindergarten, thereby setting these children up to succeed and become contributing members of our State's economy.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach proudly supports AB 47 and respectfully requests your signature on AB 47 (McCarty).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Isadore Hall, III, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Anthony Rendon, State Assembly, 63rd District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District

